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PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. 213909-00002
Date: May 5, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): S. Randhava, et al.
Application No.: 09/992,433
Filed: November 16, 2001
For: Improved Methods and Compositions for
The Treatment of Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy
Group Art Unit: 1654
Examiner: Christopher R. Tate

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to the Office Action of February 27, 2003 in the above-identified application.

1. () A paper requesting correction/substitution of drawings is attached.

2. Fee for Claims

(X) No additional fee is required.

The fee for additional claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

				SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	23	Minus -	-	x 9	-	x 18	
Indep.	4	Minus -	-	X 80	-	x 40	
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				+130	-	+240	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES					-	OR	

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3. **Method of Payment of Fees**

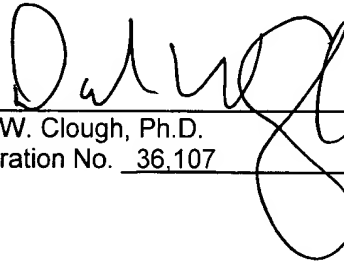
- () Enclosed is our firm check in the amount of: \$ _____
- () Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 50-1214.

4. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1214. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-1214. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

Respectfully Submitted,

May 5, 2003
(Date)

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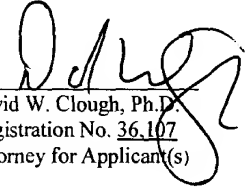
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2003 in which the claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, §102(e) and §103(a).

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.